

MARK BARLOW
MAYOR

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ASSISANT CITY CLERK

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COUNCIL MEMBERS:

RANDY LITTLE, PLACE 1

MIKE BUTLER, PLACE 2

JASON SKELTON, PLACE 3

ALLISON REESE, PLACE 4

EMANUEL L "BUBBA" PHILLIPS,
PLACE 5

MINUTES OF April 4, 2023

Regular Meeting

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in regular public session at City Hall in said city at 7:00 p.m. the 4th day of April 2023.

Invocation

Mayor Barlow welcomed everyone and reminded everyone in attendance to turn all cell phones in the off position.

Councilmember Butler led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following answered present:

Mayor	Mark Barlow
Council Members	Jason Skelton
	Allison Reese
	Mike Butler
	Randy Little
	Bubba Phillips

Absent on roll call were the following:
Junior Council Members

Amy Claire Lankford - absent
Kaitlin Ross

Jessica Jones, Assistant City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney, Ken Waites, Fire Chief, Acting Police Chief, Sgt. Troy Willcutt, Travis Jones, Public Works and George Fralic, Building Inspector were also in attendance.

A quorum was present and Mayor Barlow opened the meeting for the transaction of business.

Agenda

On a motion made by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Butler, the motion carried unanimously the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 20, 2023. Councilmember Little made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions

Key Students

Visitors

Judy Callen from the Women's Club came before Council to give an update on the progress of Union Church and request funding in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Councilmember Phillips made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember butler, after a roll call vote Council approved and the motion carried.

Mayor Mark Barlow – aye

Randy Little – aye

Mike Butler – aye

Jason Skelton – aye

Allison Reese – nay

Emanuel Phillips – aye

Paula Goff, owner of 43 Vintage Market, came before Council to request having an Art Walk in Baldwin Square on June 2, 2023 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Ms. Goff was told to get with the Satsuma Police and the council will readdress in the future.

Mayor's and Council's Reports:

Mayor's Report

Mayor Barlow expressed his condolences to several families on the death of their loved ones throughout the City of Satsuma.

Mayor Barlow stated that the new Police car the city purchased has arrived.

Mayor Barlow stated that the project at the Pilot is moving along nicely and traffic is flowing better now that the barricades are being removed.

Mayor Barlow stated that the GOMESA project at Steele Creek is taking shape and is still on schedule to be completed on time and within budget.

Mayor Barlow reminded everyone that Mr. Reed is opening his car museum on Baldwin Rd for the public on April 15, 2023.

Mayor Barlow stated that Emmett Burnett will have a book signing at the Chickasaw Library on April 15, 2023 starting at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Barlow stated that the city would hold a promotion ceremony for several city workers on May 2, 2023 at 5:30 before the Council Meeting.

Mayor Barlow stated that the conference in Washington D.C. was a success and discussed the possibilities of finding new funding for new projects in the future.

Mayor Barlow stated there is a SARPC/NPO meeting with federal highway commission at the GMO Building on Tuesday March 28, 2023 was attended by George Fralic.

Mayor Barlow stated that he attended the public hearing with the Federal Highway Commission which was a success.

Mayor Barlow stated that the Municipal dinner will be held on Thursday April 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Chickasaw.

Public Safety – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little gave the Inspections Report, 17 open building permits, 10 being new homes, 11 open stand-alone trade permits, closed 26 permits, 38 site visits/inspections, 5 ordinance/nuisance inspections. Mr. Fralic also attended Code Official meeting located at Home Builders' Association building and attended MPO meeting at GMO building for Federal Highway Administration.

Councilmember Little stated that the seniors are requesting an additional \$50.00 a month.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Butler state that we had 75 EMS calls, 15 fire related calls, 2 structure fires, 7 mutual aid calls, with a total of 99 Fire Rescue calls for the month of March.

Councilmember Butler stated that we had 472 service calls, 15 felony cases, 8 felony arrest, 73 misdemeanor, 56 misdemeanor arrest, 9 traffic accidents, 61 traffic citations with a total of 456 calls.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

None

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese stated that the School Board interview need to be scheduled.

Councilmember Reese stated the sign at the south entrance to the city will be replaced soon.

Councilmember Reese stated the flag poles on the north end of the city need to be upgraded with new City, State and US flags.

Councilmember Reese stated that the sign going into the lodge may need arrows added to clarify.

Councilmember Reese stated that Lions Park parking lot needs to be upgraded in the future.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

None

Items for Consideration**A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$139,706.95.**

On a motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Phillips with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business**A. Resolution 2023-04-01 – Authorizing the City of Satsuma to approve Civil Southeast, LLC to provide engineering for the sidewalk improvements.**

On a motion made by Councilmember Phillips and seconded by Councilmember Reese with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

B. Ordinance 547- Jurisdiction outside of the corporate limits.**C. Executive Session**

On a motion made by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Skelton with all voting “aye” during a roll call vote, council went into executive session at 8:16 P.M. to discuss a legal matter to last approximately 15 minutes. Council reconvened at 8:35 P.M.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Skelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

/s/ Mark Barlow
Mark Barlow, Mayor

/s/ Randy Little
Councilmember Randy Little

/s/ Mike Butler
Councilmember Mike Butler

/s/ Jason Skelton
Councilmember Jason Skelton

/s/ Allison Reese
Councilmember Allison Reese

/s/ E. L. Phillips
Councilmember E.L. "Bubba" Phillips

ATTEST: /s/ Jessica Jones
Jessica Jones, Assistant City Clerk